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GREEN RIVER KIWANIS

Green River Kiwanis meets Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. It is currently meeting via Zoom and in person at Epworth UMC, 4455 Epworth Rd., Newburgh, IN

Greenriverkiwanis.org
www.twitter.com/grkiwanis
[GRK Foundation/Amazon Smile](#)

Link to join Green River Kiwanis meeting via ZOOM. This link is the same every week.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8010354616?pwd=NUK2QUtyZzJDRVNaZjICZjFJM09jdz09>

February 2, 2022



Today's speaker was Suzanne Draper, director of Vanderburgh County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). She was adopted into a very loving family as a child, and has always wanted to be a social worker to help other children. CASA recruits and trains volunteers to serve as

an advocate for a child in court, and has served over 10,000 kids in her 20 years with the program. Over 90% of the cases are caused by substance abuse on the part of the parent(s). The ultimate goal is reunification of parent and child, but only if the situation will be safe. CASA volunteers must be at least 21 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED. They receive 30 hours of train-



ing, which is actually more than foster parents receive! There are currently 138 volunteers, 72% female, and 98 are age 50 or more. She also mentioned Isaiah House, an interim stop for kids after being taken from their parents and before making it to foster care, should the need arise. This provides some small security to a child in a frightening and unhappy situation.

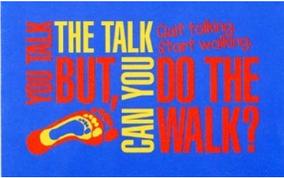
Sean Kuykendall was welcomed as a returning member, and **Braden Taylor** congratulated for having checked off his requirements to be a "fully-fledged" GRKiwanian! We extend a very warm welcome to both gentlemen.

Sylvia DeVault announced that it looks like UE Circle Key will be meeting every other Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. in Hyde Hall 108, starting February 8. However, it would be a wise move to contact her before planning to attend as things may change!



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The Riley Walk is coming up on February 26 (only 4 Saturdays away!), at 9:00 in Eastland Mall. The Indiana district of Kiwanis' relationship with Riley Hospital

began in 1919 when the district began to raise money to build the hospital, which opened in 1924. In 1992 the Southwind district began to hold a walkathon and raised \$1100. Last year, when the walk was held virtually, \$38,000 was raised, with \$21,000 of this coming from GRK. Over the past 29 years \$550,000 has been raised. This year's walk, COVID permitting, will be held in person....and it's time to sign up, solicit sponsors, and do your part in supporting the great work of Riley Hospital.

Jo Ann Laugel also asks if you will please share about the Riley Walk on the social media platforms you use.

The next dinner night out will be February 17, 6 pm, at the House of Como at 2700 S. Kentucky Ave. **Be warned: CASH ONLY!!**



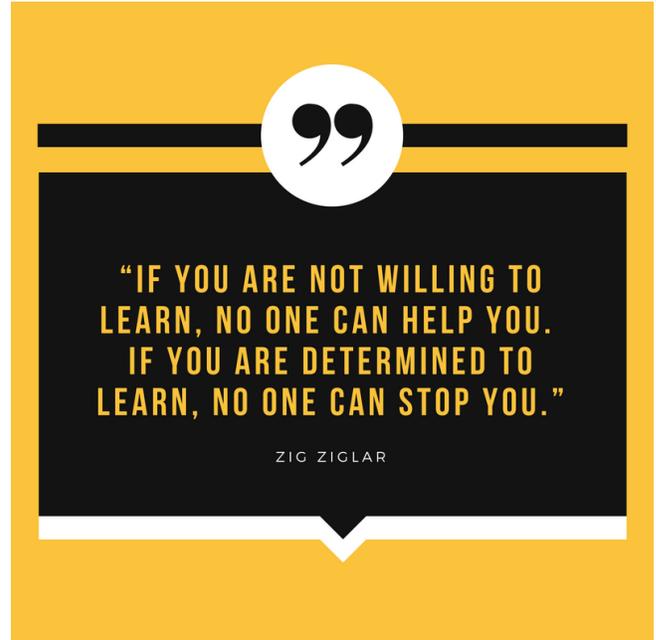
Jack Arney reminds teams that the upcoming charter night for the new Key Club at Evansville Christian School is a great opportunity for an interclub. Stay tuned for the date.



Debbie Kassenbrock talked about the upcoming Harrison Key Club event at Willow Park, and warned that currently, Willow Park will only accept 10 visitors per event due to COVID restrictions. It seems that more than this number

have expressed interest, so she said to contact her if you plan to attend as things may change. Her phone number is 812-204-0040, and her email is debbie.kassenbrock@gmail.com.

Thought of the week, courtesy of **Dan Robinson**:



NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER WILL BE JEREMY EVANS WITH THE DREAM CENTER.

